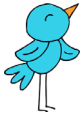




Around our Region



Highlights from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors' Meetings - February 2021



FEBRUARY 10TH MEETING

ACRD OPEN & ELECTRONIC MEETINGS – COVID-19 PANDEMIC

With the extension of the Provincial Health Order on gatherings and events, the ACRD will continue to hold open Board and Committee meetings without members of the public in attendance in person until April 29, 2021. ACRD Meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom videoconferencing and livestreamed on the ACRD website. The public have several ways to participate in ACRD open meetings. For more information on how to participate visit the website at www.acrd.bc.ca.

ACRD & SALVATION ARMY SIGN MOU

The Board approved entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Salvation Army, defining Emergency Support Service response roles they will undertake in the Alberni Valley. The MOU will the Salvation Army will formalize their involvement in the emergency program and recognize their contribution.

COVID-19 RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Board authorized submitting grant applications for two grants through the British Columbia – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVIRS) in the amount of \$140,000 for the extension of the Lakeshore Drive Pathway and \$32,500 for the construction of a pedestrian bridge within Evergreen Park.

FEBRUARY 24TH MEETING

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – 2021-2025 ACRD FINANCIAL PLAN

The Chief Financial Officer conducted a presentation on the draft 2021 to 2025 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Financial Plan. To view the plan, please visit <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/617>. If you have any questions or would like to provide input on the draft plan email budget@acrd.bc.ca.

AVICC RESOLUTION SUBMISSION – UNAUTHORIZED CAMPING.

The Board will forward the following resolution for consideration at the 2021 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention:
WHEREAS unauthorized camping has affected in negative ways residents, businesses, the environment and, in many cases, those experiencing homelessness throughout the province and significantly in and around Island and Coastal Communities for many years;
WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic has exacerbated the effects of and very significantly increased the occurrences of unauthorized camping;
THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province prioritize working with local governments in understanding the effects on all parties and actively participate in mitigating those that are deleterious to the health and welfare of people, to the environment and to business.

Board of Directors

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(Huu-ay-aht First Nation)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS – input on upcoming meetings may be emailed to: responses@acrd.bc.ca

West Coast Committee Meeting – Mar 3rd, 10:00 am; via Zoom

Committee-of-the-Whole (Illegal Camping) Meeting – Mar 3rd, 1:30 pm; via Zoom

Committee-of-the-Whole (with MLA Osborne) Meeting – Mar 5th, 1:00 pm; via Zoom

Budget Deliberations Meeting – Mar 10th, 10:00 am; via Zoom

Board of Directors – Mar 10th, 1:30 pm, followed by the **Regional Hospital District**; via Zoom

AVRA Advisory Committee Meeting – Mar 23rd, 1:30 pm; via Zoom

Board of Directors – Mar 24th, 1:30 pm; via Zoom

This is not the official minutes, but an information report summarizing the Regular Board of Directors Meeting. For more information visit the ACRD Website at www.acrd.bc.ca or contact the General Manager of Administrative Services at 250-720-2706 or e-mail wthomson@acrd.bc.ca.



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